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First Named Inventor	Juan C. Colberg
Art Unit	1624
Examiner Name	Mark L. Berch
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
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**2 Declarations of Juan C. Colberg**

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b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

Sir:

The above-referenced Application is a continuation of US Patent Application No. 10/006,579, filed on December 4, 2001, which in turn claims priority of US Provisional Patent Application No. 60/251,018, filed on December 4, 2000. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a final Office Action, dated December 21, 2004 (hereinafter, the "Office Action"), in this Application. The Application is currently pending. An Extension of Time and the present Request for Continued Examination are timely filed.

Claims 1-36 are currently under consideration and stand rejected; Claims 37-39 are cancelled. In the Office Action, claims 1-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, and claims 1-4, 7-15, 25, and 28-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bateson et al (US 6,001,997).

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be considered as the required submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, and that Examiner reconsider the application and withdraw the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks:

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.